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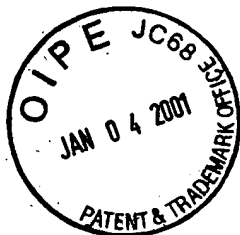
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1. European Patent Application No. EP 1 001 443 A1, published May 17, 2000.
2. French Patent Application No. 2 576 450, published July 25, 1986, with English Abstract.
3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-149843, published June 2, 1999, with English Abstract.
4. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-162686, published June 19, 1998, with English Abstract.
5. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 8-180756, published July 12, 1996, with English Abstract.
6. U.S. Patent No. 5,734,136 issued March 31, 1998 to Newcomer et al.

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7. U.S. Patent No. 4,980,522 issued December 25, 1990 to Murakami et al.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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